

## SWIMMING POOL TO BE BUILT AT HIGH SCHOOL



The swimming pool will be built on this plot of ground which is just west of the high school gymnasium.



The high school graduation ceremonies were held in the gymnasium for the 1st time. (photo by Rick Peterson)

### Durham High School Graduates 61 in Impressive Ceremonies

Durham High School graduated 61 students last Thursday evening in the new gymnasium. The theme for the commencement exercises was, "Which Way, America?"

Student speakers were Constance Phillips, Nancy Sherwood, Dan Peacock, Rhonda Peterson, Bob Jolley, Chris Nicholas, Anne Crenshaw and Elizabeth Lindahl.

Music was furnished by the DHS Band. The invocation was given by the Reverend Robert Shell.

Awards for the students were presented by Superintendent Arent Olsen. The California Scholarship Federation went to Dale Nicponski. The Durham Women's Club award went to Nancy Sherwood. Nancy also received the award from the American Legion and Auxiliary and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Durham Rotary Club award. The other half of the Rotary award went to Richard Taylor. The Elks Scholarship went to Dan Peacock. Dan Strieby and Robert Ren-

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One of the hopes and wishes of a couple thousand Durham residents, both young and old, was fulfilled last week when the Durham Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Durham Park and Recreation Board of Trustees, in separate meetings, voted to form a Joint Powers Board to build a swimming pool at the high school.

The action by the two boards was the culmination of several years of work by various individuals and committees.

On June 10th the DUSD Board voted to obligate themselves for  $\frac{2}{3}$  of \$105,000 maximum capital construction costs plus  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the annual maintenance costs on a 12 year lease-purchase arrangement, providing the DPRB Board voted for the remaining  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the costs. On Sunday, June 15th the DPRB Board voted to go ahead with their portion of the deal.

The Joint Powers Board will consist of 2 members appointed by DUSD, Gus Gore and Dick Anderson and 2 members appointed by DPRB, Dwight Brinson and Dick Colby, and a fifth member, elected by the aforementioned four. It is our understanding that Louis Edwards has been approached to be the fifth member and chairman of the JPB.

If the pool is finished by this September, the chances of Butte College also using the pool are good, providing financial arrangements can be worked out to the satisfaction of all. If the college does rent or lease partial use of the pool, local taxpayers should receive a significant tax break for the duration of the college stay in Durham.

It is estimated that the total tax rate for construction and maintenance will be around 9¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation. This would make the DUSD contribution around 6¢ and the DPRB share 3¢. Any monies paid by the college would reduce in the aforementioned  $\frac{2}{3}$  DUSD and  $\frac{1}{3}$  DPRB percentage. The physical boundaries for the DUSD and the DPRB are exactly the same, so a property owner with \$5,000 assessed valuation will be billed approximately \$4.50 to \$5.00 per year for 12 years for the pool and maintenance.

The PE Department of the high school recommends that the pool be L-shaped with the short end being used for diving and the long end used for swimming. They have recommended two diving boards, a 1 and 3 meter boards. The swimming end will be 25 meters in length and 45 feet wide. The swimming depth would probably be 4 feet and the diving depth from 10 to 14 feet. A wading pool using the same water and filtration system is recommended in order to teach beginning swimming. Separate shower, storage and office facilities and perimeter fencing are also included in the \$105,000.

Many people have a k-e-d how much money, in dollars and cents, is the new swimming pool going to cost? Here is a chart with which to estimate your cost:

MARKET VALUE	ANNUAL APPROX. TAX
\$10,000	\$ 2.50
15,000	3.75
20,000	5.00
50,000	12.50

### An editorial Clothes For Foster Kids

A lot has been said recently about hunger in Butte County, especially regarding children, so it wasn't surprising to find out that a lot of these same kids need clothes. The matter was brought to my attention by Jack Counts of the Circle C. He called to tell me that a lady named Jessica Weinreich wanted to talk to me - about kids who need clothes.

Jessica doesn't have children of her own, so she has kind of adopted all of the foster kids in Butte County, at least as far as getting decent clothes for them.

Jessica is doing a real service for a bunch of kids, who through no fault of their own, have gotten the dirty end of the stick so far in life.

We'd like to suggest that you help her to help foster kids. Clothes of any kind, slippers, outgrown shoes, coats, you name it, if a child can wear it, it's needed.

You can drop the extra clothes off at the Circle C or at Hazel's Cafe. If you prefer you can call Jessica at 342-6615 and she will arrange to have your donation picked up. Jessica lives at the Carolyn Apts. and you could leave your donation there if that is handier. The important thing is to do it. Today.

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